

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, beginning line 25, with the following amended paragraph:

--The security key 1 has ~~a mechanical part 3 which is made in a unit of~~ from a single piece of metal and has ~~a shank 4 and a head 12 having a mechanical part 3 which includes a head 12 at an upper end of the key 1 which is connected to a shank 4 of a lower end of key 1 by an extending shank region 4a of mechanical part 3.~~ The shank 4 is inserted into the keyway of a locking cylinder (not shown here) in a manner known per se and has bores 5 with control areas on ~~bread-sides upper side 11 and narrow-sides edges 10.~~ The security key 1 is preferably a turning key. The shank 4 has ~~an extended shank region 4a which does not have any bores 5.~~ The head 12 is smaller than that of a purely mechanical key and has ~~recesses edges 12a at the bottom which are supplemented engaged by side parts 2a of a plastic cap 2.~~ The head 12 and the side parts 2a thus form the bow of the security key 1.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, beginning line 38, and bridging page 5, with the following amended paragraph:

--On a ~~bread~~ an upper side of the shank region 4a, the mechanical part 3 has an elongate recess 13 along the axis of key 1 into which a first data storage module 7 is inserted and engaged in the shank area 4a. This data storage module 7 is in the form of an RFID chip and is connected to an antenna 7a which, ~~according to~~ as shown in figure 1, is arranged at the ~~also~~ engaged on the upper side, next to the shank region 4a. In order to accommodate the antenna 7a, the mechanical part 3 has lateral punched-out sections 15 and milled sections 14. A milled section 14 and a punched-out section 15 are

arranged on each of the two ~~narrow sides~~ edges of the shank region 4a, so that the antenna 7a has two antenna parts which are each inserted into a milled section 14 and a recess 15. The antenna 7a is thus arranged to be as close as possible to the antenna of the mechatronic cylinder after the shank 3 is inserted into the corresponding keyway.--

*Please replace the paragraph on page 5, beginning line 17, with the following amended paragraph:*

--According to figure 6, the cap 2 has ~~a recess 19~~ an internal chamber 19 which communicates with a slot 19' in the top edge of cap 2 and a slot 19'' in the bottom edge of cap 2 which permit insertion of key 1 into cap 2, as shown in figure 3. ~~which After key 1 is inserted into cup 2, chamber 19 accommodates the region 4a and part of the head 12.~~ According to figure 6, a pocket 6 ~~of chamber 19~~ is made in each of the side parts 2a and accommodates a second data storage module 8 or 9. The pockets 6 are open at the top, so that the two data storage modules 8 and 9 can each be inserted into the pockets 6 from above. An embodiment is also possible in which only the data storage module 8 or the data storage module 9 is inserted. In principle, the security key 1 can also be used without data storage modules 8 and 9, or can subsequently be fitted with one or two data storage module or modules 8 and/or 9.--